

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
CORPUS CHRISTI DIVISION**

MARC VEASEY, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

GREG ABBOTT, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 2:13-cv-193 (NGR)

**PRIVATE PLAINTIFFS' UNOPPOSED MOTION TO POSTPONE FILING OF
MOTIONS FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES, EXPENSES, AND COSTS**

Private Plaintiffs respectfully move this Court to postpone the filing and briefing of any motions for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs. Neither Defendants nor the United States oppose this motion. As grounds for this motion, Private Plaintiffs state that:

1. On August 23, 2017, this Court entered an Order granting declaratory relief and holding that Senate Bill 14 violates Section 2 of the Voting Rights Act and the 14th and 15th Amendments to the United States Constitution; granting a permanent injunction against the enforcement of Senate Bill 14; and granting a permanent injunction against the enforcement of Senate Bill 5. (D.E. 1071). Defendants appealed that Order to the Fifth Circuit.

2. On April 27, 2018, a Fifth Circuit panel published an opinion reversing and rendering this Court's permanent injunction and order for potential further relief. The mandate for the Fifth Circuit's opinion has not yet issued.

3. The local rules of this Court state that motions seeking an award of attorneys' fees and costs should be filed within 14 days of the entry of a final judgment. LR 54.2; *see also* Fed. R. Civ. P. 54(d)2(B).

4. Private Plaintiffs believe it is appropriate for this Court to postpone the filing and briefing of any motions for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs relating to this case until after the time for seeking further appellate review of this Court's August 23, 2017 Order has lapsed or after the final disposition of any further appellate review of that Order. Accordingly, Private Plaintiffs file this motion seeking entry of the attached proposed order, which would postpone the filing and briefing of any motions for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs relating to this case until 45 days after the time for any party to seek further appellate review (whether panel rehearing, rehearing *en banc*, or Supreme Court review) of this Court's August 23, 2017 Order has lapsed, 45 days after the final disposition of any further appellate review of that Order, or 45 days after entry of a final judgment by this Court, whichever is later.

5. Pursuant to Local Rule 7.2, the parties have conferred in good faith regarding this motion. Counsel for Defendants and for the United States have indicated that they do not oppose this motion.

WHEREFORE, Private Plaintiffs respectfully request that this Court grant this motion and enter the attached proposed order.

Date: May 7, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on May 7, 2018, a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served via the Court's ECF system to all counsel of record.

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[PROPOSED] ORDER

Pending before the Court is Private Plaintiffs' Unopposed Motion to Postpone Filing of Motions for Attorneys' Fees, Expenses, and Costs. For good cause shown, the motion is hereby GRANTED.

It is hereby ORDERED that the filing and briefing of any motions for attorneys' fees, expenses, and costs relating to this case shall be postponed until 45 days after the time for any party to seek further appellate review (whether panel rehearing, rehearing *en banc*, or Supreme Court review) of this Court's August 23, 2017 Order has lapsed, 45 days after the final disposition of any further appellate review of that Order, or 45 days after entry of a final judgment by this Court, whichever is later.

SO ORDERED this ____ day of _____, 2018.

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